

REMARKS AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Interview Summary

A phone call was held on May 15th between Applicant and Examiner Lee. The claims discussed were claims 39, 41, 42, 46 and 57. The reference discussed was the Lee reference. A final conclusion as to whether these claims would be allowable or not was not reached.

Objected To Claims

Claims 45, 47-49, 53, 55, 56, 61-63 and 67 were objected to as being dependent upon a base claim but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 49 directly depended from independent claim 37. The limitations of claim 49 have been added to claim 37. Thus, independent claim 37 is respectfully asserted to be in condition for allowance. Objected to Claims 45, 47, 61, and 67 have been rewritten as independent claims including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. All remaining claims depend from one of amended claim 37 or rewritten claims 45, 47, 61 or 67. Thus, it is respectfully asserted the claims are in condition for allowance as no other rejections are pending for these claims.

Rejected Claims

A number of claims stand in condition of non-final rejections under §101, §112, §102 and/or §103. Though the Applicant disagrees with the pending rejections, in order to expedite the issuance of the claims which are not rejected, the rejected claims have been canceled so as to leave only allowable subject matter. The canceled claims shall be pursued through prosecution of a continuation application of this or related application(s). The Applicant does not disclaim the scope of any of the canceled claims but rather explicitly provides notice of intention to continue prosecution of such claims. Thus to facilitate compact prosecution and to expedite the issuance of a patent, Applicant with this paper amends the claims without prejudice and without conceding that the pending rejections are proper. Further, Applicant makes no disclaimer that the particular limitations recited by the objected-to claims of this application, or the amendments submitted herewith, are required to distinguish the claims over the cited references. However, to

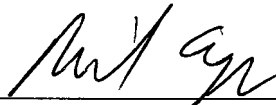
the extent that any such disclaimer is construed to exist, Applicant hereby expressly rescinds such disclaimer and reserves the right to pursue the rejected and/or other claims in follow-on and/or other applications and to present arguments with respect to such claims in such applications.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and Notice of Allowance are courteously solicited.

Should any fees under 37 CRF 1.16-1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 10-1205. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number indicated below with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate expeditious and compact prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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